

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Civil Supplies – Implementation of the A.P. Scheduled Commodities Dealers (Licensing, Storage and Regulation) Order, 2008 and other Control Orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Acts and Rules pertaining to weights and measures and packaged commodities – Constitution of Task Force Team – Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 44

Dated: 4-11-2008.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.30, CAF&CS(CS.I) Dept., Dated: 8.8.2008 published in the A.P. Gazette, Part-I Extraordinary Dated: 18-8-2008.
2. Fax message No.P1(3)/6675/2008, Dt: 18-9-2008 of the Commnr of Civil Supplies, Hyderabad.

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ORDER:-

Government vide the reference first read above have issued the A.P. Scheduled Commodities Dealers (Licensing, Storage and Regulation) Order, 2008 requiring the dealers in rice, wheat, pulses, edible oil seeds and edible oils to obtain the licence and also prescribing the stock limits to be held by the dealers at any point of time. In the reference second read above, time has been given up to 30th September, 2008 for obtaining the licences.

2. Clause-2(k) of the A.P. Scheduled Commodities Dealers (Licensing, Storage and Regulation) Order, 2008, which was issued under Section-3 and 5 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, defines the dealers in pulses, edible oilseeds, edible oils, pulses and food grains and the quantities which attract the licensing provision. Clause 10 prescribes the stock limits that can be held by the licensees of various schedules commodities at any point of time. Clause 17 deals with the powers of entry, search and seizure and the enforcement officers vested with powers. The marginal variations that have to be taken into account at the time of stock verification are shown in clause 18 of the order. The conditions that have to be complied by the licensee are shown in the licence.

3. According to the A.P. Exhibition of Price Lists of Goods Order, 1966, the traders shall not withhold from sale the commodities ordinarily kept for sale, they have to exhibit the prices along with the available stock of the commodities viz. Food grains including pulses both whole and split, wheat products, sugar including khandasari sugar, edible oils and edible oils, vanaspati, cooking gas, salt etc in a board at a conspicuous place. In respect of washing and toilet soaps and note books, the availability or otherwise should be displayed. The officers who are delegated with powers to inspect, search and seize the commodities for violation of the provisions of this order are indicated in clause-6 of the Order.

4. The officials of the Legal Metrology Department are vested with powers to enforce the provisions pertaining to weights and measures, implementation of MRP, Statutory declaration as required on the packed commodities under the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976, the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, the Standards of Weights and Measures (General) Rules, 1987, the Standards of Weights and Measures (Inter-State Verification & Stamping) Rules, the Standards of Weights and Measures (Approval of Models) Rules, 1987, the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985, the Andhra Pradesh Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1986, Edible Oils Packaging Regulation Order, 1998 and the Motor Spirit and High Speed

Diesel (Regulation of Supply, Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices) Order, 2005.

5. Government after examining the need to strictly enforce the laws with a view to protect the interests of the consumers and to ensure that there is no hoarding of stocks which are essential to the community and thereby create scarcity in the open market and resultant price hike, order that the Collectors shall constitute task forces with the officials of Revenue / Civil Supplies, Legal Metrology, Commercial Taxes and Vigilance and Enforcement who can exercise powers under the laws cited above for conducting inspections of the licensed premises / business premises of the dealers, verify the stocks held by them and to bring to book by the competent officials for any contravention of the provisions of the Laws since the interests of the consumers are of paramount importance. The Collectors shall constitute the required number of task forces in their districts for implementation of the provisions of the orders cited above. Government feel it expedient that to safeguard the interests of the consumers of the State, the implementation of the provisions of the Control Orders are necessary and therefore, this item of work should receive utmost attention of the Collectors.

6. All the Collectors are requested to constitute the Committees immediately as suggested above, in consultation with the District Level Officials of the Legal Metrology Commercial Taxes and Vigilance and Enforcement Officials for enforcing the provisions of the Control Orders stated above.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SANJAY JAJU,
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVT

To

All Collectors.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Hyderabad

The Director General of Police, Vigilance & Enforcement, Hyderabad

The Inspector General Police, Vigilance & Enforcement, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Hyderabad

The Controller, Legal Metrology, Hyderabad

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All Joint Collectors

The Addl. Secretary to C.M.

The PS to Minister for Food & Civil Supplies

The P.S. to Minister for Finance

PS to Minister for Agriculture

PS to Minister for Commercial Taxes

PS to Minister for Housing

PS to Chief Secretary to Govt.

The President, FAPCCI, Hyderabad

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